

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

Action to stop future police chief memoirs

HOME OFFICE

The action of Mr Ronald Gregory, former Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, in publishing his memoirs on the hunt for the Yorkshire Ripper was deplorable...

Might I propose a remedy for the future? Would he encourage police authorities to have much more strict contractual arrangements on the appointment of their senior police officers?

Mr Brittan: I am not sure what kind of inquiry he has in mind. Consideration of the matter by the Association of Chief Police Officers is going on and they are consulting with my department...



Fairbairn: Investigate this scandal

Mr Peter Sarge, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs (West Bromwich East, Lab): There is something uniquely distasteful about Mr Gregory cashing in on his own incompetence...

Poverty line has never been defined by any government

PM'S QUESTIONS

No definition of the poverty line had ever existed, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said to Lord Labour...

and doctors, one sixth of all transport workers, 5,000 miners - (Conservative cheer) - one quarter of all journalists (Laughter) - many working couples, half of all medical practitioners, heads of many secondary schools and half of all university academics...

supplied to the so-called front line states, \$1,000 worth has been supplied by the United Kingdom. As most of these states are bankrupt (he said), we can only assume that the bill has been met by the British taxpayer.

Brittan rules out referendum

DEATH PENALTY

Capital punishment was unlikely to be debated again for quite a while and a referendum on the subject would be unnecessary or inappropriate, Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, said during question time in the Commons.

Holidaymakers may get postal votes

VOTING REFORM

The issue of postal votes for holidaymakers would not be left to drift, Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, said in indicating he was personally concerned about the subject.

No cure yet for AIDS sufferers

HOUSE OF LORDS

Fourteen confirmed cases of AIDS disease had been reported to the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre at Colindale and a further two cases were under investigation, Gladys Hare, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, told the House of Lords.

No prospect of negotiations with Argentina

The Prime Minister was cheered by Conservative MPs when she said she had no intention of negotiating with Argentina on the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands...

Tax relief for banks on bad debts

The Prime Minister was involved in an exchange with Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) over tax relief for banks on bad debts.

Briton held in Malta

The British Government is pressing for a speedy trial for Mr Anthony Price, a British citizen who has been charged in Malta with conspiracy to subvert the Government of Malta.

Home Secretary's stand was critical

When there is such a build-up of authoritative opinion and attitude develops, even among those who do not support a change, that somehow the thing is not on. That has happened before, most notably over Europe.

EEC divided on fish

Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in a statement in the Commons about the EEC Council of Fisheries Ministers meeting in Brussels on Monday and Tuesday, said the EEC Commission had undertaken to have at least some of its inspectors in post by the end of September.

Law on lottery tickets to be changed

The Lotteries (Amendment) Bill, sponsored by Lord Irving of Dartford (Lab), was read a second time in the Lords.

Britain's trade in armaments

Mr Ian Lloyd (Havant, C) said during Prime Minister's questions that successive governments had refused to give information on the British world trade in armaments.

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ENTERTAINMENTS section listing various theatre productions, including 'TOPOL', 'FIDDLER ON THE ROOF', 'DREAMWORKS', etc.

Superpower dialogues on arms, human rights and trade

China and US discuss nuclear deal

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Chinese and United States officials have been holding talks here on nuclear non-proliferation and Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, is planning a visit to Peking later this year.

China because, at present, there is no overall agreement between the two countries on cooperation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

his first visit as Defence Secretary to China in late September or early October, but firm arrangements are still being worked out, Pentagon officials said.

nology could be used to build advanced weapons. The Reagan administration agreed in 1981 to consider sales of weapons to Peking on a case-by-case basis, but so far there have been no such sales.

Madrid negotiators seek rapid accord

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The chief United States and Soviet delegates met in private for more than an hour yesterday on the sidelines of the European security review conference.

The Spanish chairman of the meeting said afterwards that both men had told him they had taken a decision to reach rapid agreement on ending the conference, which has been going on in Madrid for nearly three years.

Mr Max Kampelman, the American delegate, arrived yesterday direct from seeing President Reagan in Washington. "We have always said we are looking for deals and these would have a very decided impact", he said after meeting Mr Anatoly Kovalev, a Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister.

WASHINGTON: The Soviet Union has assured the United States that it will allow



Mr Kampelman: Optimistic about outcome

some dissidents to emigrate by the end of the year, Reagan Administration officials said here (Bernard Gwertzman of The New York Times reports).

The officials said Moscow had privately indicated the names of some it said would be allowed to leave, but none of them was as prominent as Anatoly Shecharansky, Yuri Orlov or Andrei Sakharov.

Bush keeps nerve gas project alive

From Our Correspondent Washington

Vice-President George Bush cast a rare tie-breaking vote in the Senate to get approval for President Reagan's request to end a de facto freeze on production of chemical weapons by manufacturing binary nerve gas shells.

The Vice-President's vote on Wednesday defeated an amendment that would have prohibited their production. It was the first time since 1977 that a vice-president had broken a Senate tie, the only circumstance under which he is allowed to vote in the chamber.

The Democrat-majority House of Representatives rejected President Reagan's nerve gas weapon production request a month ago and the whole matter will now have to be fought out in "conference" between the Senate and House leadership.

The Senate votes came on a Bill that would authorize almost \$30 billion (£13 billion) in military spending for the fiscal year beginning on October 1.

Hopes for a softer line at Start

From Our Correspondent Washington

The United States hopes the recent elaboration of the Soviet proposals in the Geneva strategic arms reduction talks (Start) indicates Moscow's intention to show flexibility and move the complex negotiations forward.

According to press reports here, Soviet negotiators made a new proposal on long-range nuclear weapons last week that would limit each side to about 1,200 land and submarine-based multiple-warhead missiles and strategic bombers armed with cruise missiles. Single warhead missiles were not included in this limit.

However, the new proposal would let Moscow keep nearly all the big missiles that most threaten the United States and therefore does not deal with the weapons about which the Reagan Administration is most concerned.

Herr Egon Bahr, the Social Democratic defence and disarmament spokesman, has flown to Moscow a week after Chancellor Helmut Kohl's visit to tell the Soviet leadership his party's position on the deployment of Nato missiles and urge them to make the Geneva arms talks a success (Michael Binyon writes).

In three days of talks Herr Bahr, who publicly opposes deployment this autumn, will also explain his party's support for the Soviet contention that British and French missiles must be included in the arms talks. He said the number of warheads was growing each week.



Dropping in: US Marines parachuting over Beirut during an exercise with French and Lebanese soldiers. The peace-force troops jumped from a helicopter.

Reluctant bride's suicide shocks Italy

From Peter Nichols Rome

The suicide of a Calabrian girl, Maria Malolo, aged 17, who killed herself to avoid marrying a 37-year-old brick-layer chosen by her mother as her future husband, has caused an outcry in Italy.

The tragedy happened in the little town of Fabrizio in the hills overlooking the Ionian Sea. It is a poor place and the girl's family is modest. Maria first tried to kill herself by cutting her veins and then successfully by shooting herself low in the stomach.

The town is a short distance from the resorts of the Gulf of Squillace, but it is one of those corners of Old Calabria left relatively untouched by change. The mother, who still apparently tries to maintain that her daughter wanted to marry the man the family had chosen for her, said her death occurred by accident while she was cleaning her father's shotgun.

The girl, her mother said, had lately become difficult after taking to smoking, and she added that she would not like this habit known to other people in Fabrizio.

On the day after the shooting the 14 members and friends of the family were described as grouped almost motionless like statues in the dark living room, occasionally making cries of grief as they passed a photograph of the girl from hand to hand.

Il Messaggero said that Maria was engaged two years ago to Signor Antonio La Rosa, who works near the northern city of Modena.

He accepted, as a condition of the marriage planned for next month, that he would not take Maria to Modena after the wedding, but leave her at her mother's home and send her living expenses every month.

It seems that Signor La Rosa knew nothing of her objection to him and had already accepted a postponement of the marriage. The conflict is seen to have been between the girl and her mother, between two generations of Calabrian women.

The Rome newspaper La Repubblica called it the Italian equivalent of the 450 brides burnt alive because their dowries were rejected as inadequate.

Gandhi dowry plea, page 7



Mr Askyo: Murdered in busy street

Turkish envoy shot dead

Brussels - A Turkish diplomat was shot dead yesterday as he got into his car at the height of the morning rush hour in a busy Brussels street (Ian Murray writes).

Mr Dursun Askyo, aged 39, was killed by two pistol shots fired through the windscreen. The assassin ran off and Armenian resistance groups later claimed responsibility.

ANKARA: Turkey has requested the Belgian authorities to adopt all necessary measures to ensure the capture and punishment of the assassin (Rasit Gurdilek writes).

Floods worsen

Buenos Aires (Reuters) - Severe flooding in north east Argentina worsened as the River Uruguay continued rising and a fresh surge of floodwater came downstream from Brazil on the River Parana. Damage is estimated to be more than \$650m and 126,000 people have been evacuated from their homes.

Rope trick

New York (Reuters) - Tehching Hsieh is to spend the next year tied by an 8ft rope to Linda Montano - in the name of art. He has already lived in a cage-punched a time-clock every four hours and camped on a Manhattan pavement, each for a year.

Nuclear halt

Washington (AP) - The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission yesterday ordered five nuclear reactors to be temporarily shut down within 30 days so officials can inspect cooling pipes for cracks.

Apartheid death

Pietermaritzburg (Reuters) - A Black South African child fell from a lorry and died after being refused admission to a hospital reserved for Indians.

THE TRUSTHOUSE FORTE PROMISE.

The minutes of the board meeting of Trusthouse Forte Hotels Limited on March 23rd 1983 stated that the company would freeze the published room rates of all UK Hotels until March 1st 1984. Then the policy is to keep prices in step with inflation. The company publishes this information as a public service.

Yours faithfully Trusthouse Forte

Muzorewa hits at Mugabe over attacks on churchgoers

From Stephen Taylor, Harare

The church in Zimbabwe was under persecution while basic freedoms of speech, assembly, and worship were being suppressed, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, a former Prime Minister and resident bishop of the United Methodist Church, said in Harare yesterday.

At a rare press conference, Bishop Muzorewa accused the ruling Zanu (PF) party of being "anti-church, anti-God, anti-peace" and of having planned a riot last Sunday when a stone-throwing crowd disrupted the dedication of a new Methodist church near Harare.

The bishop, who had conducted the dedication service, said that trouble had started after a man riding a government-registered motorcycle circled the church several times "which appeared to be a signal to others to surround the fence and begin stoning people and cars."

The incident lasted for some hours and ended when the police dispersed the stone-throwers with tear gas. One of the parishioners, who is understood to have fired a number of shots after the stone-throwing started, was arrested.

Bishop Muzorewa, who headed the short-lived Zimbabwe Rhodesia administration before independence, said: "The involvement of a person with a

Transkei changes homelands stance

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

In a striking change of course, President Kaiser Matanzima of Transkei, one of South Africa's four "independent" tribal homelands, has pledged to work for the reintegration of his territory into "a greater South Africa" based on non-racialism, democracy and the equal distribution of land and wealth.

President Matanzima accepted this commitment in a document which he and five other homeland leaders signed after a little-publicized meeting near Johannesburg earlier this week.

The others present at the meeting were Chief Gatsba Ruthalezi of KwaZulu (Zulu) Dr Cedric Phahudi of Lebowa (North Sotho), Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi of Gazankulu (Shangaan/Tsonga), Mr Kenneth Mopeli of Qwaqwa (South Sotho), and Mr Enos Mabuza of Kangwane (Swazi).

The proposals, which are before the all-white House of Assembly, provide for a new tricameral Parliament for whites, mixed-blood Coloureds and Indians, subject to the veto of a powerful executive President nominated by the majority party in the white chamber. Black Africans would be excluded.

In their statement the six black leaders commit themselves "to reject the destiny prescribed for us by the white minority and to dismantle established institutions



Eyes right: President Mitterrand reviewing troops yesterday during the hour-long Bastille Day parade on the Champs Elysees. Next to the President is General Alban Barthez, military governor of Paris.

Lesotho holds two British 'spies'

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

Two British passport-holders have been arrested in Lesotho after allegedly spying for an unnamed foreign power.

The two men, who have been identified as Mr Desmond McGonigle and Mr Patrick Martin, were arrested by Lesotho's security police on June 30. The spying allegations arise out of documents said to have been found in their possession.

The police announcement said the two men had been watching the movements and homes of African National Congress refugees in Lesotho. They had also allegedly been monitoring security in Lesotho.

The two men were supposed to have been handed over to the British High Commission in Maseru, the Lesotho capital, yesterday morning. But at noon Mr Clive Clements, the British High Commissioner, said the men had not been produced. He said the men had come to Lesotho from South Africa in the past few weeks and had registered their presence with the High Commission, but nothing further was known about them.

Meanwhile, two Britons are reported to be among six people being held at Nampula in northern Mozambique after their Dartan-registered light aircraft landed there to refuel 18 days ago on a flight from the Comoros Islands. They had apparently not sought advance clearance to land.

Chile court releases party chiefs

Santiago (Reuter) - Señor Gabriel Valdés, the former Chilean Foreign Minister, and two other opposition leaders have been released from jail after being held in connexion with Tuesday's day of protest against the military Government.

A court dropped all proceedings against Señor Valdés, the president of the banned Christian Democratic Party, Señor José de Gregorio, its secretary general, and Señor Jorge Lavandero, a former senator. More than 400 people arrested on Tuesday were still held yesterday.

Massera order

Buenos Aires - An appeal for the release of Admiral Emilio Massera, the former Argentine Navy commander imprisoned on charges relating to the disappearance and presumed murder of a businessman in 1977, has been turned down by a local court.

Sex ruling

Paris - Shi Pei Fu, the Chinese opera singer charged with helping a French diplomat, M Bernard Bourisicot, to spy for the Chinese, is a man, French doctors have decided. The singer claimed to be a woman and to have borne a child by M Bourisicot.

Khomeini will

Tehran (AFP, Reuter) - A sealed copy of Ayatollah Khomeini's will was handed yesterday to an assembly of Iranian religious experts charged with choosing his successor. He is over 80. The experts burst into tears.

Fleet banned

Athens (AP) - The Greek Government yesterday confirmed reports that it has banned Greek port calls by US Seventh Fleet ships.

Cave copy

Montignac (AP) - The Lascaux Cave in south-west France with its famous 15,000-year-old rock paintings is to be open to the public from Monday - not the real thing, an exact replica. The originals are too precious.

Sweet and sour

Peking (AFP) - A Chinese play in which actresses sway their bodies, snapped their fingers in time to music and put their arms around a man while singing, was attacked as disgusting yesterday by the English-language China Daily.

China wants OAU role in Chad

Peking (AFP) - Mr Wu Xueqin, the Chinese Foreign Minister, yesterday called for negotiations between warring factions in Chad in order to "prevent superpower meddling and sabotage".

Mr Idriss Misikine, the Foreign Minister of Chad, arrived here yesterday for a week-long official visit which observers thought could include a request for Chinese military aid for the Government in Ndjamena of President Hissoc Habré.

The Habré regime is fighting forces loyal to Mr Goukouni Oueddei, the former President, who was ousted from the capital in June last year by Mr Habré's troops after a long civil war.

Mr Wu expressed Peking's concern at the situation and its hope that the two sides would find a fair and reasonable solution, the New China news agency said. He advocated negotiations in an Organization of African Unity framework.

Mr Misikine told the Chinese minister that his Government intended to strengthen cooperation between Chad and China.

● N'DJAMENA: Government troops appeared to have regained control over a string of vital towns north-east of the Chad capital yesterday after getting supplies of badly needed military equipment from France and other Western allies (Reuter reports).

Rifkind voices concern at human rights in Uganda

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Britain's newly-appointed Minister of State for African affairs, who is visiting Kampala on a tour of East Africa, has voiced Britain's concern about violations of human rights in areas near the city where an estimated 100,000 people have fled from their homes after intensive military operations against anti-government guerrillas.

The Canadian and Australian High Commissioners, who are based in Kenya, visited Uganda last week and made similar representations to President Obote and to Mr Paulo Murwanga, the Defence Minister and Vice-President.

After requests from the three Commonwealth countries, the Ugandan authorities allowed diplomats to visit parts of Luwero district, 30 miles north of Kampala, where tens of thousands of homeless people, including large numbers of children, are living in poor conditions in trading and mission centres after fleeing from their once prosperous farms.

Apart from an immediate need for food, water and medical facilities, there is a

Island holiday village opens for business soon

Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

A Club Méditerranée holiday village, which has been criticized by MPs, should be ready for business by the end of next year, the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) promised yesterday. This comes after a contract had been signed by the club with Johnston International, a British company, which is due to start construction within four weeks.

The original agreement to build the complex on the Caribbean island of Providenciales, which belongs to the Turks and Caicos group, was signed in 1980.

The British Government contributed £5m to build an airport for the holidaymakers.

The airport and accompanying roads are now virtually complete. But Club Méditerranée's failure to have the village ready as agreed has led to unhappiness all round. In particular, it led to criticism of the ODA by the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee (Turks and Caicos Islands: Airport Development on Providenciales: Observations by the Government. HMSO E1.30 Cd 8979).

Hongkong is confident of capitalist future

from Richard Hughes, Hongkong

Despite the enforced silence of the negotiators, there is growing confidence in Hongkong about the outcome of talks on the future of the territory after 1997.

The public tends to be of the opinion that Hongkong life and living standards and capitalist trading methods will not be basically changed, if only because Chiao itself would suffer as a result.

The Hongkong stock market has recovered from early weakness and more Chinese trading firms will operate in Hongkong.

China Resources, the leading Chinese trading corporation in Hongkong, registered unprecedently as a "holding" company this week.

China Resources already has 15 department stores in Hongkong and now plans to establish a brewery.

Correction

The Manet exhibition at the Grand Palais in Paris, details of which were published on July 9, is closed on Tuesdays. The Sunday entrance fee is 15 francs (£1.25), the same as on weekdays.

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Four presidents meet to revive flagging Central America peace initiative

From John Carlin, Mexico City

The presidents of Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama are to meet this weekend in southern Mexico in an apparent bid to inject fresh life into the flagging Central American peace process.

The Mexican Foreign Ministry announced on Wednesday afternoon that the presidents of the four countries which make up the Contadora Group, a group committed to peace by negotiation in Central America, will meet tomorrow and Sunday in the Caribbean resort of Cancun.

The meeting is to be held "in view of the escalation of the conflicts which endanger peace in Central America", a Mexican Foreign Ministry communiqué says.

The presidential meeting is unprecedented as the five meetings of the Contadora Group since its formation on January 9 this year have all been held at ministerial level.

This hastily arranged Cancun Group summit reflects the sense of urgency, as the Mexican Foreign Ministry communiqué says, with which the Contadora Group presidents view the need to reach "concrete agreements to reduce tensions" in Central America.

The choice of the word "concrete" here would seem to bear an implicit criticism of the Contadora Group's fruitless efforts so far to find a peaceful,

political way out of the region's violent conflicts.

The meeting has ended in failure, accentuating the differences between the rival factions in Central America, particularly Honduras and Nicaragua, between whom the possibility of war has appeared progressively likely during the seven months that the Contadora Group has been in existence.

The announcement of the meeting tomorrow coincided with a claim by Nicaragua's Army Chief of Staff that more than 2,000 US-backed Nicaraguan rebels based in Honduras were poised to launch an invasion on two fronts.

The decision by the Contadora Group to raise the level of its peace initiative came also just five days after Señor Miguel Escoto, the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister, made an urgent plea to the Contadora Group to act more firmly in the face of what he called shameless US intervention designed to overthrow the Sandinista revolution.

Yesterday the four Contadora Foreign Ministers held a meeting in Panama City whose purpose was to adopt more specific plans for peace in Central America.

● SAN SALVADOR: The outgoing US Ambassador to El Salvador warned the Reagan Administration against trying to impose US standards (Reuter reports).

Mr Dean Hinton, who leaves El Salvador today, made his comments to the American Chamber of Commerce in his last public speech as ambassador.

He said it was too early to make an overall judgment about the success or failure of US policy in El Salvador. The two countries had become highly interdependent during three and a half years of civil war here.

Mr Hinton said: "We North Americans could make no bigger mistake than to think of El Salvador as just a Spanish-speaking equivalent of our own country."

"We will fail if we simply try to impose our standards without at least trying to adapt them to markedly different circumstances. Yet the tendency to do so is at all times almost irresistible."

● Graves report disputed: El Salvador's rebel movement claimed on Wednesday that 97 bodies found in shallow graves in a cemetery were those of civilians, not guerrillas as the Army had claimed (AFP reports).

Radio Venceremos, voice of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front, rejected an Army statement that the 97 were guerrillas killed in clashes with government forces.



Mother's day: Señora Rosemary Riberos, who was kidnapped and tortured by the Argentine military in 1975, is reunited at Lima International airport with her daughter Tamara after being separated for eight years. Señora Riberos, who is Bolivian, was freed in 1981 and now lives in Zurich.

Struggle for democracy

Uruguay's opposition parties call mass protest for August 6

From Andrew Thompson, Buenos Aires

Uruguay's opposition parties have issued a call for a mass demonstration on August 6 to support their demands for a "democratic constitution".

The call came after a meeting of the three permitted political parties, which withdrew from constitutional talks with the military regime on July 5. The parties said that the Government of General Gregorio Alvarez was refusing to make concessions on the type of constitution which is to be introduced prior to elections in November 1984.

The politicians will be seeking government authorization for the demonstration. If it goes ahead, it will be the first mass demonstration called jointly by all parties since 1938. The organisers said they hope to repeat the experience of 45 years ago, when opposition groups demanded the end of the dictatorship of President Gabriel Terra.

At the root of the disagreement are radically different ideas of the type of constitution the country should have. The armed forces, according to a civilian politician, "look at the constitution through the keyhole of subversion". They are demanding changes that will continue to give them a free hand against all forms of opposition.

This means the effective removal of *habeas corpus* mechanisms, the preeminence

of military over civilian courts, the removal of constitutional guarantees preventing the security services from entering private homes without search warrants, the widening of state-of-siege powers, and even the right of the armed forces to dictate national security policy to an elected government.

The politicians feel that if they accept these changes they will end up not with democracy but with "a caricature of democracy".

Another reason for their withdrawal was the Government's failure to demonstrate real liberalization. Instead the "political dialogue" was

In a wave of arrests over the past few weeks more than 60 student activists have been imprisoned and, according to relatives, savagely tortured. Some have been charged with membership of the banned Communist Party.

The country is now on tenterhooks: the politicians insist that the elections promised for November, 1984, cannot be cancelled, while senior military officers have often hinted that failure to reach agreement in the constitutional talks would lead to at least a postponement.

Señor Julio Sanguinetti, a leading member of the Colorado Party, pointed out that "the elections were not part of an agreement between the armed forces and the political parties. The armed forces promised the nation as a whole that there would be elections."

The parties are describing the suspension of talks as a "recess" to give the Government time to reflect and alter its position. In the meantime, Señor Alberto Zumaran, a member of the Blancos, has proposed a "front for the defence of democracy".

The Government, has few immediate options. If it sticks to its hard line, it will have to proceed against the wishes of the majority. That implies a new wave of repression at a time of economic weakness and against the grain of international opinion.

General Alvarez Refusing concessions accompanied by arrests and the closure of opposition magazines.

Señor Carmine Mederos Galvan, a delegate of the Blanco Party, was arrested and tried before military courts on charges of insulting the armed forces.



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Canberra minister quits in scandal

From Tony Dnabonin, Melbourne

Mr Mick Young, the Special Minister of State, resigned from the Federal Cabinet last night in the wake of a scandal which followed the expulsion of a Soviet diplomat.

Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, said that he had asked the Attorney-General to investigate if there had been any breach of the Federal Crimes Act.

The resignation shook Canberra yesterday as there had been no indication anything was amiss. Shortly before 5pm, Mr Hawke called a press conference and announced that Mr Young had offered his resignation and that he had with regret considered it necessary to accept.

Mr Hawke said that the circumstances involved in Mr Young's decision related to matters which would be dealt with by the Hope Royal Commission. The matter goes back to the expulsion on April 22 of Mr Valery Ivanov, a First Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Canberra. Some weeks later, Mr Hawke announced that Mr David Combe, a former national secretary of the Labour Party and a Canberra lobbyist, had had links with Mr Ivanov and that he had forbidden ministers from having any further contact with Mr Combe.

At his press conference yesterday, Mr Hawke said: "I have this afternoon received a letter from Mr Young tendering his resignation from the ministry. I have, with regret, con-

sidered it necessary to accept his resignation. The circumstances involved in his decision go to matters which will be dealt with by the Hope Royal Commission.

"I refer particularly to Clause 17 of the issues to be resolved in respect of Paragraph C of the commission's terms of reference. That is, and I quote, 'Was there any unauthorised or improper disclosure by any and what minister, of information made available to the NIS committee concerning the relationship between Combe and Ivanov before May 11.'

"I am also seeking an opinion from the Attorney General as to whether any offence may have been committed under the Crimes Act. It is perfectly clear that I am, therefore, at this point unable to answer any questions on this matter."

"I need hardly say that the resignation of Mr Young, who is a close friend and valued colleague over many years, and my necessary acceptance of the resignation, is for me a matter of profound personal sadness."

Mr Hawke refused to be drawn, other than to say that Mr Young would be replaced by Mr Kim Beasley.

Mr Young had responsibility for electoral reform and was considered a trouble-shooter for the Government. He is aged 46, represents a South Australian constituency, and is a former shearer.

Gandhi plea on dowry killings

From Michael Himmlyn Delhi

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, yesterday spoke out against crimes against women but insisted social change was the only way of combatting them. "Why should society tolerate them?" she asked in a meeting of voluntary social workers.

She referred to the spate of murders or suicides of young married women pressed for increased dowry, and declared: "We are making the laws very much stronger, but laws can never solve it."

"No matter how clever you are there will always be some loopholes that some lawyers can take advantage of..."

Talking to a group of chairmen of state social welfare boards, she said that what would be really effective against the dowry crimes would be a change in public opinion, "that is, public opinion as a whole and not a women's group or a group of committed people or people who want to exploit the situation politically".

President Zail Singh, addressing the same meeting, also insisted that any number of laws would not help in checking the atrocities against women, "unless there is a corresponding social and mental awakening, and a voice raised against this evil".

US-Ireland extradition deal signed

Washington (Reuter) - Ireland and the United States have signed an extradition treaty designed to make it more difficult for wanted fugitives such as guerrillas and drug smugglers from one country to take refuge in the other.

Mr William French Smith, the US Attorney General, said that the treaty would redress an "intolerable situation" in which neither country could seek the arrest and extradition of a fugitive from the other.

While officials at the signing ceremony did not mention the Irish Republican Army or other guerrilla groups, Justice Department sources said that the treaty emphasized President Reagan's commitment to deter the spread of terrorism.

The treaty, signed after six years of negotiations, does not cover Northern Ireland. But Britain has an extradition treaty with the United States and can seek the return of suspected criminals wanted in northern Ireland.

Officials of both countries said that they had no immediate plans to seek arrest or extraditions of fugitives. But the Justice Department said that American fugitives had to the past gone to the Irish Republic seeking refuge from US charges "on everything from murder to fraud".

Nepal Cabinet set up

Katmandu (AFP) - King Birendra has approved a 21-member council of Ministers under Lokendra Bahadur Chand, the new Prime Minister, after the dissolution of the Nepalese Government on Monday, Nepal radio announced.

Mr Chand, appointed to replace Surya Bahadur Thapa, who was ousted by a no-confi-

dence vote, will hold the defence and royal palace portfolios.

The new Cabinet appointments are: Prime Minister Lokendra Bahadur Chand, Foreign and Local Development Jig Mehta, Home Affairs Padra Shrestha, Water Resources and Supply Purnima Shrestha, Health and Family Welfare Krishna Prasad, Education and Culture Hari Prasad, Labour and Transport Dharma Prasad, Finance and Commerce Krishna Prasad, and Transport Dharma Prasad.

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THE ARTS

Cinema

Glimpses of human credibility

"Private Lives": Seven New Soviet Films National Film Theatre

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Students of the characters in Russia's classical literature know well the persistent national trait of preferring to acknowledge unpalatable truths...

characters existing in a world as messy and imperfect as any other. With its fair share of drunks and pickpockets, divorces and unhappy families...

Consequently it has been difficult for Soviet film-makers to follow their colleagues in other socialist countries (notably Hungary and Poland in its pre-Solidarity ferment) in developing a cinema that might stimulate audiences to critical discussion of social organization...

the historical reasons which have made the role of investigator and interrogator in itself suspect for Russians. Abdrashitov is a member of the group at Mosfilm Studios led by Yuri Raizman...

Sergei Mikheyev's Love By Request and Eldar Ryazanov's Station for Two also admit that life is not all sun and sunshine, but they soften the blow with romantic comedy. Love By Request tells of the mutual reclamation of two misfits: a drunk and disillusioned factory worker and a former sports star...



But who are the real heirs? - Anna Churikova as Vassa Zheleznova, with Valentina Yakovina as her revolutionary daughter-in-law in Panfilov's Vassa

quite great characters after the revolution. Vassa is the first hand woman on a family shipping enterprise on the Volga...

When Vassa dies her servants take possession of her goods, like jewels. The scene cuts to the same Volga city today, with motor cars and high-rises...

old daughter. Al, devoted to his daughter, is not sensitive enough to his wife's feelings. She in turn is self-centred and selfish...

David Robinson

Television

Good-humoured but salutary

James Boswell has waited two centuries for his television debut, but he could not have arrived at a more opportune moment. Boswell for the Defence (BBC 2) took hanging as its theme...

Lear has, at least in modern productions, been played in less time - but a good script can go a long way. Although it might suggest a conflation of Emma and Lear, this was in fact a spirited and engaging production...

allegies like a pantomime horse. Scottish law is apparently quite different from the English variety. In this case, in the courtroom at least, it was pure opera buffa.

Peter Ackroyd

ECO/Hogwood-Barbican

Until Leonard Bernstein is invited to conduct the Academy of Ancient Music, or Sir Georg Solti zips through a few symphonies with the English Concert, I suppose the nearest we shall get to exploring the 17th-century world...

It was not a head-on collision, for Hogwood is too pragmatic a musician to demand the overnight conversion of the ECO to the ancient playing techniques of Muffat and Cestiari...

Messiah St Paul's Cathedral

Although this Messiah did not involve a chorus of thousands, as it might have a century ago, it took place in a church and everyone (except myself) stood for the Hallelujah Chorus. This was an occasion which fell into the category of ritual rather than performance.

Concerts

solos by for short passages was the most stylish and beautiful solo singing of the evening. His older colleagues rather struggled in comparison. The tenor Alan Green sounded ponderous throughout, even if that shaft break them had its commanding moments.

Stephen Pettitt

Theatre

As You Like It Chichester

The first thing you see is a Watteauesque company dancing a minuet in the orchard and only scattering when Orlando marks the cadence with a blow of his axe.

Patrick Garland, in other words, has gone the full eighteenth-century hog in this production: not only in costume and Gallic pronunciation, which causes havoc to the verse when Jacques loses a syllable, but also in the expected contrast of court and countryside.

Trevor Nunn and Stephen Oliver made such an experiment with this play in the late Seventies, and drastically revised it en route from Stratford to London on making the discovery that their actors were ill-equipped to handle eighteenth-century vocal flourishes.

For instance, when we get to meet the rustics they are a miscellaneous collection of stereotyped yokels and genteel speakers (like Eunice Roberts's Phebe) who could be courtiers in pastoral fancy dress.

Within these limits, the game has its points and its moments of truth. Easily the most authoritative figure is Peter Eyre's Jacques, a passionately isolated non-player who comes over as a decisive observer in the human nursery.

As the writing itself shows, he is no match for Rosalind; and Patricia Hodge pushes this contrast to the absolute limit in the haughtiest and most peremptory reading I can remember.

Irving Wardle

ACADEMY CINEMA TWO ERIC ROHMER'S prize-winning PAULINE AT THE BEACH

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Music in Sweden The past made fresh and vivid

Entering the palace theatre at Drottningholm, is less like walking into the past than having the past come up and hit one in the face. While most buildings have gained quite some patina after the passing of two centuries, here the wallpaper could have been nailed up barely last week.

More fun was the evening recital I heard, with Rosemary Hardy making a brave, serious and sensitive progress through a variety of works ranging from a medieval hymn in G#F Hungarian to a sad-sing bunch of Stevie Smith songs by Robin Holloway, his elder only to one of 1965, apparently not made to blush before in public performance.

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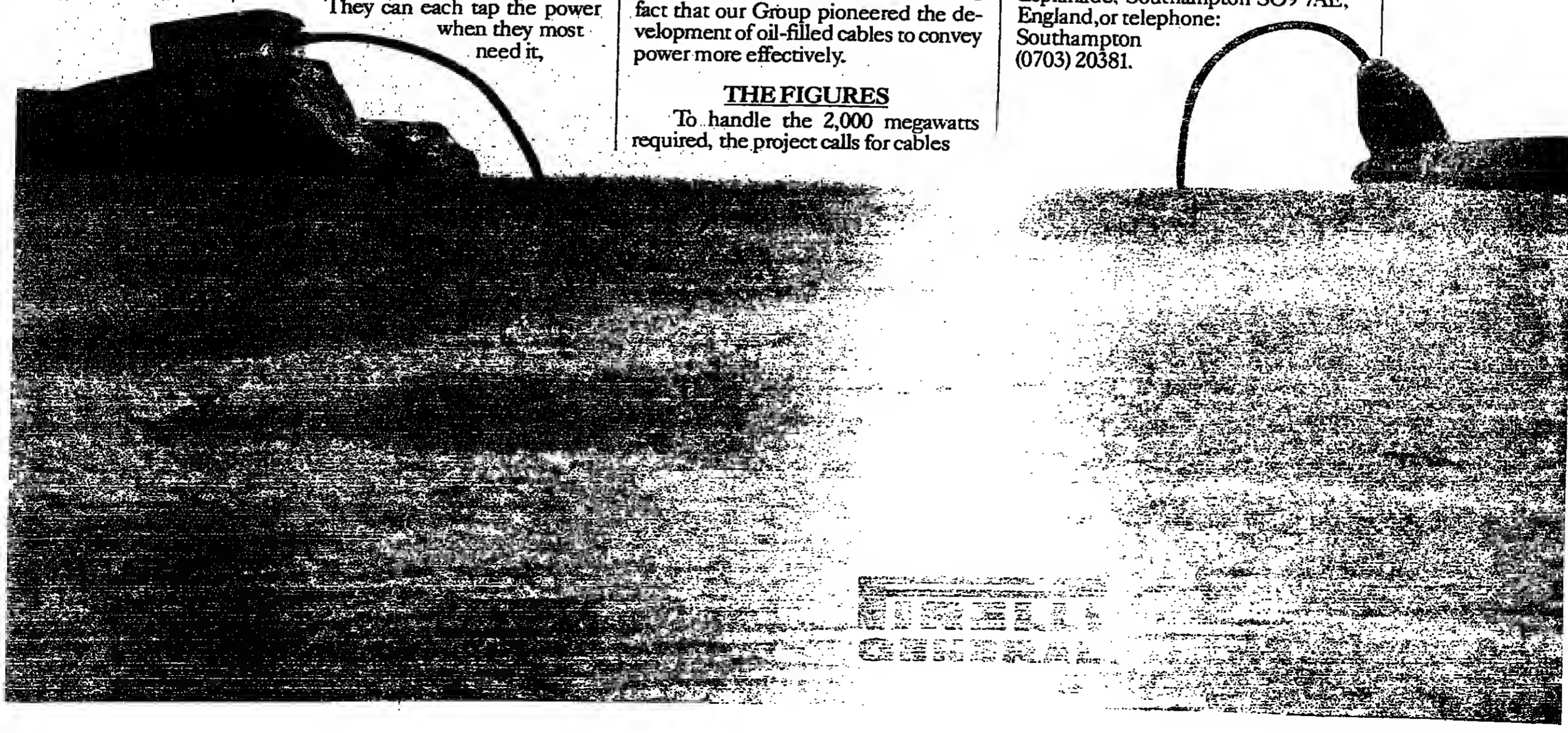
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THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE BRITISH GRAND PRIX A break in the Formula One season has allowed some constructors, among them Ferrari and Lotus, to prepare new designs for tomorrow's big race at Silverstone. John Blunsden assesses the state of the Grand Prix game and profiles the leading contenders

moreover... Miles Kington

The power and the glory

Justice takes a holiday

Of all the races comprising the 1983 Formula One World Championship, tomorrow's RAC British Grand Prix, which takes place at Silverstone under the sponsorship of Marlboro, is probably the most significant - as well as one of the most popular - for the majority of its participants.

We are fortunate in this country in having the Grand Prix which, by general consent, is the best organized (as recent awards have confirmed), the most comprehensively supported by subsidiary events (there will be two other races today and four more tomorrow as well as various air displays and parades on the circuit), and, at the height of the summer season, the best timed. This year there has been a further advantage: unusually, there has been a gap of five weeks since the previous Grand Prix, in Canada - time in which to recover from a breathless first half of the season, to improve cars and, in several instances, to produce new designs.

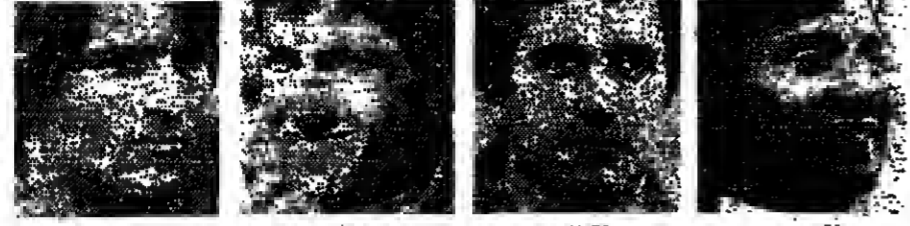
Both Ferrari and Lotus have unveiled "1983 1/2" cars, there is the new Spirit-Honda, and the Brabham and Renault teams are running cars which, while similar to those used earlier this year, incorporate important detail changes. So, indeed, do the majority of the other entries, if only for the fact that tomorrow's race - the ninth in the championship series - is the first in a run of five taking place on very late circuits which seem certain to understate even more forcibly the power advantage of cars with 1 1/2-litre turbocharged engines.

Silverstone's near-150 mph lap speed is tailor made for the turbos and although one of them has yet to win a British Grand Prix, there are now so many of them and their reliability factor has improved to such an extent that only a heatwave (which could undermine their stamina) or a cloud-burst (which would transform the race into a contest of pure driving skill) seems likely to prevent a turbo victory on the circuit where Renault raced the first example of the new breed in 1977.

It had been anticipated that the change in technical regulations last winter, which banned side skirts and called for flat-bottomed chassis (thereby markedly reducing ground effects beneath the cars), would help to redress the performance imbalance between cars with 1 1/2-litre turbocharged and three-litre normally aspirated engines, but this has not been the case.

Only an adjustment of the 2:1 equivalency factor would now achieve this: with so many teams now committed to turbocharged engines, it no longer seems a realistic aim. In the

8 PACESETTERS



RENE ARNOUX Ferrari no 28. France. Age 35. 72 GP's, 8 wins. Former Renault driver, switched to Ferrari after falling out with team partner Alain Prost. Recent winner in Canada. Very quick, but seemed to be in a pole-position specialist.

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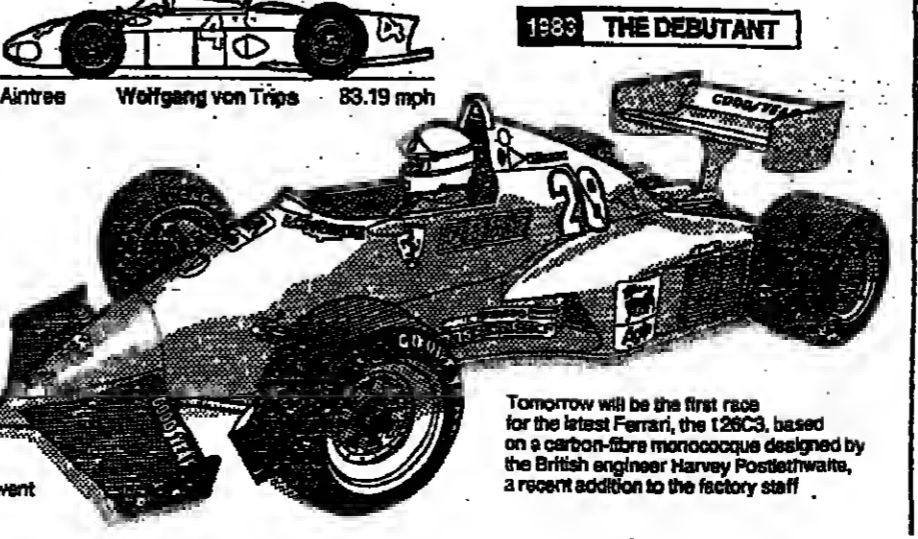
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POSITIONS

Table showing driver and constructor positions for 8 of 15 races. Includes a list of drivers and their points, and a list of constructors and their points.



'Championship leader Prost: smoothness plus turbo power'

Innes Ireland was a Grand Prix ace in the days of four-wheel drifts, string-back gloves and wild parties. Now a journalist, he looks at the high-pressure world of today

Money machines

It is 23 years since I first flew myself into Silverstone for the British Grand Prix, proud of my newly-acquired pilot's status and of my second-hand plane. Two other aircraft were on the old runway in the middle of circuit: they belonged to Jack Brabham, the reigning world champion, and Colin Chapman, for whose Team Lotus I was driving.

Two years ago, when the Grand Prix was last held at Silverstone, 1,500 aircraft movements were recorded in and out of the circuit during the meeting: the jet-set was on the move. And this year the buzz of helicopters and light planes will be equalled, if not outdone, by the noise of conversation in the vast marquees and the elaborate hospitality suites as thousands of guests, invited by the many sponsors, munch their smoked salmon and consume prodigious quantities of champagne.

As Sports Editor of Autocar, which I became when I gave up active motor racing in 1967, I witnessed the first signs of commercialism creeping into what was just ceasing to be a straightforward sport. Then the Lotus team was still called Team Lotus; the following season it was renamed Gold Leaf Team Lotus and the cars exchanged their British Racing Green for the livery of a cigarette packet.

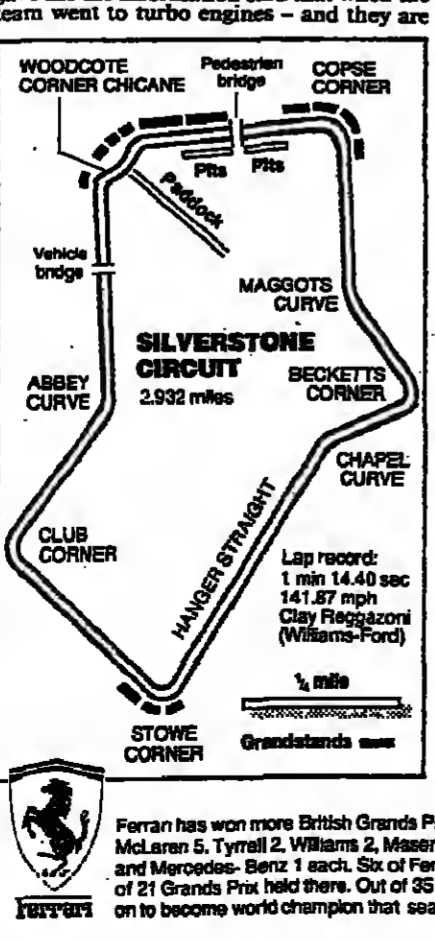
I could scarcely believe my eyes when I beheld the paddock area for the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim. Gigantic articulated transporters stood shoulder to shoulder, bearing names I had never heard of: Shadow Tabatip, Tissot Esnis, Copersucar and Durteeux Durex (there was trouble with the television people over that one!).

I smiled as I took in those £75,000 rigs with their work benches, drawers and compartments for spare engines and wheels. I was remembering the Italian Grand Prix of 1959, for which the Team Lotus "transporter" was a lightweight Ford Consul truck with its chassis lengthened and a flat platform to carry one car. Colin doubted its ability to scale the mountains and reach Monza with a car on its back, so

while it took a couple of mechanics and the spare I hitched my double-decker trailer to my Ford Zephyr Estate and towed the two race cars. Team Lotus paid only for the Channel crossing, saying I would have to get myself to Monza anyway - I didn't even get the price of the petrol.

There was a sign of sanity at Hockenheim, as there will be at Silverstone today: the proud and famous name of Ferrari, which still stood emblazoned alone on the sides of the team's transporter, accompanied by the bold black Prancing Horse upon its yellow shield, standing on the initials "SF": Scuderia Ferrari.

The Grand Prix world is all about big money, and since I stood in awe of the Hockenheim scene the financial investment has escalated further. Last year, Renault were rumored to have spent £11 million and Ferrari £10 million on their racing programmes; even the "private" TAG-Williams team, a highly successful one, spent £5 million. The Marlboro McLaren team's engine-overhaul bill for 1982 came to £750,000, and the man who gave me the information said that when the team went to turbo engines - and they are



Ireland: a £500 retainer, £1 a mile for a win; and champagne parties

currently testing one - the cost would be quadrupled. It is difficult nowadays to draw a line between "work" and "private" teams. There can be little doubt about the authenticity of Ferrari, Renault and Alfa Romeo, although the latter's racing team is run by a private outfit. While work teams invest in racing to further their engineering technology, to enhance the image of their road cars and to claim national prestige, the owners of successful teams can simply become rich.

The drivers, too, have not been slow to take advantage of the sponsors' money: yachts, planes and apartments in Monte Carlo are part of the accepted way of life for those at the top.

I winced when I think back to the £500 I was paid by Esso as a retainer to become Team Lotus's number one driver in 1960, receiving a third of the starting money from the team but having to pay all my own expenses - including hospital bills in addition, companies such as Champion and Dunlop would pay a bonus of perhaps £1 per mile for a win, making it possible to earn a total of perhaps £1,250 for victory in a major race.

Table titled 'FERRARI'S WINNERS' listing drivers and their average speeds in various Formula 1 cars (Model 375, Dino 246, 500, 156, 625) at Silverstone.

and Las Vegas or the overgrown football stadiums of Jarama or Hockenheim, places where we are in danger of losing sight of the heritage of road racing, in which one drives as fast as possible in the prevailing conditions.

The hundred thousand or more spectators who, given fair weather, will turn up at Silverstone tomorrow are no longer permitted to watch their hero wrestle with his machine, to see his arms work as he throws the car into a corner to initiate a four-wheel drift. Today's cars are all-enclosed: even the head that sticks out is in a capsule, and to recognize his favourite the fan needs to know the colour and design of his helmet.

There are many changes in Grand Prix racing, some of which I regret: a lack of sincerity, people too deeply involved in their own particular business, divided loyalties among some media-men who serve more than one master. At times, while seeking information for my magazine stories, I feel like an intruder, nervous of interrupting some business deal. Gone are the days of champagne receptions and dinners in elegant rooms with crystal chandeliers, of the friendly post-race parties when everyone let their hair down.

For all that, I am deeply grateful that it still exists, the most exciting and demanding sport of all, in which the driver's sensitivity draws the fine line between success, failure or disaster. Though now I just stand and watch, my adrenaline still flows when the engines scream and the tyres pour smoke as the red light turns to green.

John Blunsden

A crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words. The puzzle is titled 'CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 104)'.

CONCISE CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 Hand over (7), 5 Covering (5), 8 Belonging to us (3), 9 Matching word (7), 10 Mature insect (5), 11 Soviet Union (1,1,1,1), 12 Marsupial (7), 14 Wheel-driven boat (6,7), 16 Slanting (7), 18 Poetry stanza (4), 21 With whole choir (5), 22 Equal day and night (7). DOWN: 23 Male offspring (3), 24 Pasta wheat (5), 25 Formula (7), 1 Food container (4), 2 Golf course (5), 3 Voice throwing (1,1), 4 Lower (5), 5 Firstborn, 6 Small window (7), 7 Animal print (8), 8 Germinated (8), 15 Expanding (7), 19 Under age (5), 20 Test (4).

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THE TIMES DIARY

Disinherited

Poor old Peter Shore is not having much luck in his bid to become leader of the Labour Party...

Bearish

I see now where the Royal Mint went wrong over the £1 coin. They should have sold it for £1.10...

Now that Britain is swooning in heat and even Eskimos must be lapping up ice cream...

Poghead unvisited

Foreign foods continue to bemuse. Peter Orr was confronted in Calais with a choice of fish and chips...

Railway cutting

The Poet Laureate's preoccupation with rhythm and steam engines dates back to his prep school days...

QED

A university fellow has sent me the rubric for his son's Oxford and Cambridge Board A-level exam...

Car manufacturers are pandering to the aggressive instinct of learner drivers...

A group in New York called the Fruitarians has launched a campaign for plants' rights...

grass. I am worried about the group's name. Reports from Russia claim that the nervous system of an apple is so highly developed...

Mondale: an open approach to Europe

by Geoffrey Smith

European leaders said: 'Well I'm for the pipeline, but the United States has told me to be against it...'

The conclusion I drew was that he was indeed after the substance on this occasion, in the form of the AFL-CIO endorsement...

On this topic, my conversations with members of the Administration were far more encouraging...

On East-West trade, however, the balance of virtue from a European standpoint is precisely the other way round...

Mr Mondale is fully aware of this. 'I don't know if these characters', he remarked contemptuously...

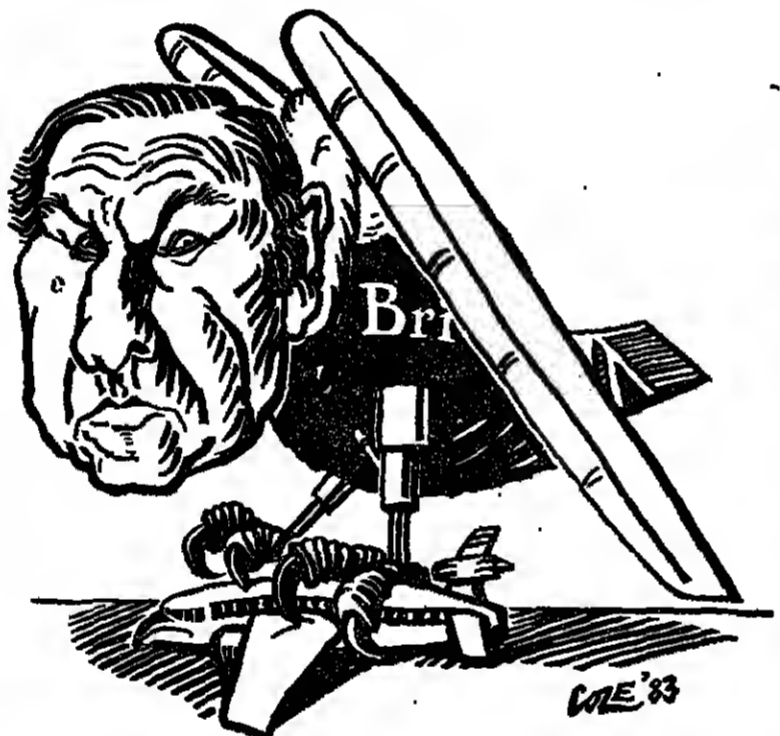
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The obvious sincerity with which those words were spoken was impressive to a British listener...

But how much softer than President Reagan would he be towards the Soviet Union?

A nuclear freeze means different things to different people in the United States. What does it mean to Mr Mondale?

The Times Portrait: Sir John King



Whether the management knew or could bring themselves to admit that the airline was on course for disaster is uncertain...

King undoubtedly runs British Airways, for all its size, in the same pragmatic way he ran his first small engineering business...

Despite a sensitivity about this modest start, it appears to have done King no harm. Taking the practical view that he had found...

successful businessmen, he never lets any profound theories of management obscure a real sense of priority...

As at Babcock, King has been successful at BA by picking the right managers. He spent several months persuading Colin Marshall...

King has undoubtedly enjoyed every minute of it. The management used to say 'these are the routes, these are the aircraft, let's get some passengers'...

It is hard to see how this definition would distinguish Mr Mondale's freeze from the balanced disarmament agreement...

While pursuing disarmament accords, he would also wish to set new priorities for modernizing Nato forces...

Mr Mondale countered this objection in two ways. If his policy of 'coordinated, prudent economic growth' were pursued...

But what guarantee could there be that this would not turn into an extension of the Buy America policy?

The principal doubt must be whether he would have the strength to resist the domestic pressures to move away from his constructive purposes...

Wealth brought with it social acceptance. Outside business, King is very much country gentry with 2,000 acres in Leicestershire...

Despite his apparently relaxed approach to life, he is frequently on the phone by 7am, keeps up what amounts to a running commentary from the radio-phone of his Rolls-Royce...

A determination to prune some of the more spendthrift ways of the National Enterprise Board when he was its deputy chairman...

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Can Labour afford another Foot?

David Watt

Four things are striking about the Labour Party's leadership election. First it is a credit to the party (and for that matter, British politics) in one important respect...

Second, what is emphatically not to the credit of the British system is the mechanism which puts the election into the hands of the unions...

Third, it is that they are all curiously old-fashioned politicians. Peter Shore affects a Churchillian patriotism and indeed sometimes sounds more like Julian Amery...

Finally, it is extraordinarily difficult to know what any of them would actually do either in putting the party together again or in eventually governing the country...

But what about Mr Kinnoch himself, the almost certain winner? We know that he too is a Tribune group egalitarian...

In search of Mr Kinnoch I have been reading the latest extended statement of his position - his John Mackintosh Memorial Lecture in Edinburgh last month...

So far as I can detect, the line of argument is as follows: The Labour Party is in danger of becoming a mere 'vanguard' party...

(a) By latching on to classical themes such as Justice and Liberty and showing that all the bread and butter questions such as the future of the Welfare State are subsidiary to them.

(b) By avoiding unconstitutional behaviour (he wants to suppress Militant).

(c) By rejecting the Croslandite (i.e., Hattersleyan) view that the present economic system is capable of overcoming its own contradictions...

(d) By sticking like limpets to the trade unions and the notion of a working class.

This is all very well if you start from a socialist position. But it is all terribly vague and leaves all the important questions unanswered.

What on earth are we to make of a programme like the following, for instance? 'The Socialism we seek aims to give people the maximum possible freedom to control the conditions under which they live and work...'

There may be a new Thatcherite socialism lurking here but it is not spelled out and one suspects that the whole paragraph, like so many others, is pure verbiage.

Philip Howard

The Queen's English out of kilter

This is a red-letter day for Scots and scholars: a purple-letter day there is anybody who falls into both categories. Joke, joke. 'They tell me it takes a surgical operation to get a joke into a Scotsman's head, but I don't see how you could get a joke into anyone's head by a surgical operation'...

Today's publication is resumed of A Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue, after a long break and threats of death because of the recession. I can quite see that this is out of the best-seller lists...

DOST, as we call it in the fancy, defines and illustrates every word found in the records of Older Scots (down to 1600), and every Scots meaning of every word for the century following that...

Just like Wembley these days, and no doubt with the same consequences of broken glass and tartan vomit on the pavements. Anybody with any sense knows that the tartan kilts is a modern invention, popularized by Queen Victoria and her descendants...

the explosive matter of moisters and stipends, and when 'no woman be suffered to sit in church with ptyds upon their heads, because it is a cleuk to their sleeping'...

Consider the fascinating business of Penny-brydals, weddings at which each guest contributed a sum of money towards the cost of the booze. I have seen the same prodigal process going on still at wedding receptions in Glasgow and darkest South Ayrshire.

So to the dictionary the two opposing sides of the Scottish character, John Knox and Mac Baobach, root at each other. Presbyterian records rage about the intolerable abominations that fall out at penny-brydals.

They take us back to a vanished but still familiar country where a penny was wealth ('of a thousand herrings a penny') and pikery was when Scotland had Lords and Commissioners of Platt to supervise

Zia's power play as the black day flags

Islamabad. A middle-aged man wearing a black armband parked his car the other day in the forecourt of the Shalimar Hotel in Rawalpindi, a few steps from the Pakistani army's GHQ...

The magistrate addressed him: 'I have to tell you', he said in English, 'that the meeting you have called has been banned by the Assistant Commissioner. I would be obliged if you would leave this hotel.' No one was much disposed to argue against such a show of force...



Zia: delaying tactic?

President has three committees preparing proposals for him. One from the Majlis-e-Shoora, the nominated Federal Council which passes for a parliament, announced this week that it has completed its work...

Further suggestions are to come from an eminent scientist retained by the President. The President has promised to sift all these possibly conflicting pieces of advice so that he can deliver his proposals on time.

The cynics believe that in the long-promised elections he will pick out the proposals designed best to ensure his own elevation: as he now enjoys. The even more cynical - and they are not scarce - suggest that he may not make proposals at all, but merely announce some delaying tactic, such as a further committee to analyse the conflicting recommendations.

It seems unlikely that there could be much of an outcry even if the extreme cynics are right. The high-profile performance of the anti-privatization week has made people still more unwilling to go on to the streets to demonstrate on behalf of an opposition that is divided and faction-ridden...

Michael Hamlyn

CORRECTION

Eric Heffer's article yesterday should have said 'They believe in the convoy theory...' (paragraph 3) and 'What we really need is to work towards a Europe that rejects the bureaucratic concepts of the Soviet Union...' (6th paragraph from end).

Industrial notebook

Cars: patriotism is not enough

When it comes to patriotism and it often does in a highly taxed society such as this - among the most popular is the company car. Despite attracting the attention of the Inland Revenue, they have continued to proliferate.

With the company-owned car accounting for probably 70 per cent of the new car market, the industry - ever sensitive to the questions and always ready to bash the Japanese in particular - has consistently maintained that it is a segment dominated by domestic producers. British companies prefer to buy British cars, it is said.

The truth, however, is that the import penetration of the company fleet is much higher than the industry, or the Government for that matter, will admit. There are simply not enough British-made cars available.

The latest to fall into the trap of believing that patriotism is the saviour of the motor industry is the British Institute of Management which in its otherwise admirable annual survey of business cars published this week says: "Despite ever increasing foreign competition, British car manufacturers continue to dominate the company car market. This market is vital for the well-being of the British motor industry."

It adds, in parenthesis and somewhat lamely, that "British" refers to BL, Ford, Talbot and Vauxhall "even though some models are assembled elsewhere in Europe".

The institute must realize that this is a gross understatement. Look, for example, at Ford the market leader, and the proportion of its cars that are sold in Britain but made elsewhere. In the first six months of this year, the American company sold 278,962 cars in Britain, of which 78,737 came from West Germany, 30,333 from Belgium and 17,172 from Spain.

These three countries built more than 45 per cent of the Ford cars sold in Britain, while British factories made 145,470 cars for sale domestically, a share of 52 per cent.

It is possible and understandable for a private car buyer to scorn a Ford with an "As-

sembled in West Germany" label in favour of what seems to be an identical, but British-made, model.

A company buyer, wanting 20 or 200 cars and instructed to buy British is not similarly constrained; one Escort looks like another and who cares as long as the car park is not full of Renaults, Audis, or Toyotas?

Vauxhall, whose Cavalier has taken the market, and the company sector, by storm, is another favourite among the linguistic fleet buyers. But the half-year sales figure for British-built Vauxhalls is only 36,374, compared with 33,307 imported from West Germany and 20,593 from Belgium.

Of the 130,652 General Motors cars sold in Britain in the six months, half were imported, including German and Belgian Opels, and it is a fair bet that most joined company fleets.

The total number of imports from Ford and GM European factories in the six months was 264,144, well over half the two companies' total British sales. This compares with a total BL sales figure of 166,705 on the home market which includes the Metro, a non-company car.

The conclusion must be that the "free car" market is dominated by imports, whatever the declared buying policies of the big company purchasers.

American multinationals stress that their plants are in the European Community, a single trading block where there is free passage of goods. The enormous European price differentials for cars undermine that argument and the success of the Belgium factory does little to create or safeguard jobs on Merseyside.

Which brings us back neatly to the Japanese. Nissan should now make up its mind about its proposed car manufacturing plant for Britain, a project which could create 5,000 direct jobs and on which it has dithered for too long.

When the first British-built Datsuns leave the assembly lines it will be interesting to note how many are bought by patriotic British companies to replace German Fords or Belgian Vauxhalls.

Edward Townsend

Trafalgar House still intends to pursue its takeover bid for P&O, despite the Monopolies Commission referral. Wayne Lintott asked Trafalgar's chairman about his present thinking

Why Nigel Brookes stops laughing

Mr Nigel Brookes, the 48-year-old chairman of Trafalgar House, the property-to-ship conglomerate, laughs a lot. He even laughs at the present troubles of his 15-year-old flagship, Cunard's QE2.

Turbine problems - as a troopship she steamed the 13,000 miles to the Falklands at her full 23 knots - have lost Cunard £3.5m in revenue already but the liner will be back in service at the end of the month.

"Whenever anything goes wrong with her, and that is at least once a year, it costs a million minimum. It does not matter what it is. It always costs at least a million."



Brookes: he even laughs at the troubles of the QE2 (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

What took the smile from his face was the prospect of Mr Jeffrey Sterling becoming chairman of P & O and bringing a large chunk of his Town and City property company with him. The scenario was floated in the City last week.

"It is not something we would like to see," Mr Brookes said firmly. "P & O buying Town and City's service division. We would certainly not want it or P & O with it for that matter."

Mr Brookes said that he intends seeking undertakings that P & O does not acquire any Town and City assets. This may be difficult.

The Office of Fair Trading said yesterday that there was no rule to prevent P & O acquiring

Town and City assets or for that matter any other company. "Such an action," an OFT official said, "would be treated as a totally separate proposition to the one currently being studied by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission."

Mr Sterling, chairman of Town and City, was made non-executive deputy-chairman of P & O two weeks ago, and has made clear his availability for the chairmanship, also a non-executive position. The present chairman, Lord Incheape, and the managing director, Mr Oliver Brooks, were due to retire last month but stayed on

to fight off Mr Brookes £290m takeover bid.

A P & O boardroom reshuffle could take place as early as September and a power play is in progress over the appointments to the executive director positions. It is known that Mr Sterling would like to bring his Town and City management team with him. The present incumbent, Mr Brooks, has his own people in mind to replace him when he steps down to take on a non-executive role.

Mr Sterling, said Mr Brookes, knows nothing about shipping, which is a considerable part of P & O's business.

rationale to the merger at all. Over a very large area, both businesses are different and the companies are run totally differently."

He was obviously relishing ending his career on the bridge of the P & O ship repelling boarders.

The men agreed that the Monopolies review would take longer than the six months allocated. They agreed nine months or more, which obviously suits P & O but makes it still vulnerable to other predators, should Trafalgar fail.

The charges levelled against Trafalgar during the struggle do not disturb Mr Brookes one iota.

On foreign registration of ships, his answer is that P & O has eight ships registered abroad, Cunard only three. "And under our Bahamian registration it is written into the articles (which he produced) that in an emergency the Government can requisition the ships."

There is absolutely no question that Cunard ships will be available to the Government in an emergency. Cunard employs far more British seamen and on all such chauvinistic fronts Cunard comes out looking far better than P & O."

Mr Brookes feels that, taking a world rather than a purely parochial view, the merger holds significant benefits for the country, particularly in domi-

nating the top and middle ends of the passenger business (The Russians are successfully grabbing the cheaper end).

P & O's order of the Royal Princess - to compete with the QE2 - would also give Trafalgar some very substantial tax benefits at a time when the passenger business is showing a significant upturn.

No coincidence, perhaps, for a man well respected for his acumen. Which led the conversation to his decision not to buy a larger P & O stake in the market than the seven per cent Trafalgar already holds (under P & O's Royal Charter it is exempt from disclosure provisions of 1981 companies act).

"There are many millions of shares held in arbitrage positions, particularly by Americans. If another big game hits town or the delay goes on too long for their comfort and they start to unload, then we may decide to move in at that time," Mr Brookes said, back to laughing again.

In 1963 Mr Brookes, only 28, was a director at Trafalgar when it turned over some £5m a year. By 1968 he was deputy chairman and his own personal wealth was estimated at around £5m.

Now he heads an empire which includes Cunard, Trollope and Colls and a large container operation. All of which turns over more than £1,000m a year.

"The BAA's profit and investment record remains second to none."

The following are extracts from the Chairman, Norman Payne's, introduction to the British Airports Authority Annual Report and Accounts for 1982/83.

Despite the prolonged recession affecting the United Kingdom and world economies, passenger traffic at the BAA's seven airports increased by 1.0 per cent during the fiscal year 1982/83 to 43.4 million.

TRAFFIC

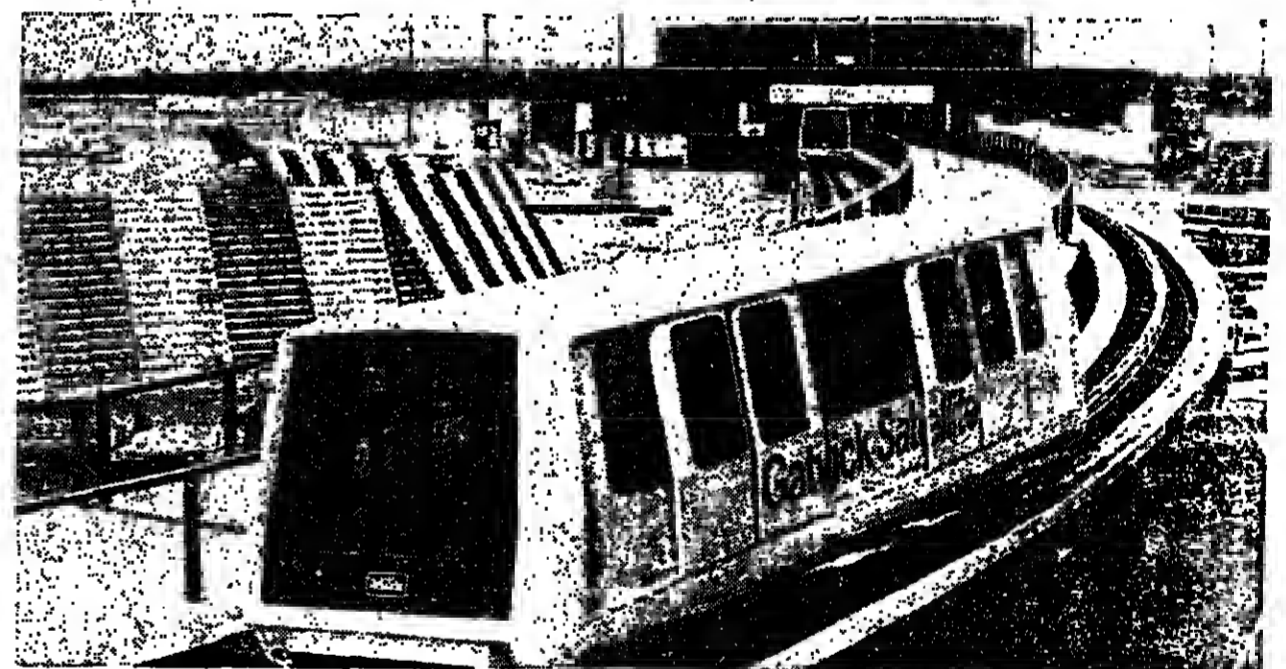
The continued relative strength of the pound during the key early part of the financial year helped the outbound holiday market while exerting a braking effect on inbound tourism. In addition, a slow-down in trade and business activity generally explains much of the contrast between the results of the various airports. Heathrow, for example, again lost ground to Gatwick because of its greater business and foreign tourist components. Scottish Airports showed greater percentage growth than the South East group because of the buoyant domestic sector, partly due to the introduction of a new carrier on the main trunk routes. Continued growth in offshore oil-related traffic at Aberdeen and a rapid rise in charter traffic also contributed significantly to the Scottish result.

A 4.2 per cent increase in air transport movements to 559,000 recovered the traffic lost through air traffic control disputes during the previous year. Cargo tonnage was down again by 3.2 per cent to 599,000 tonnes, although there were signs towards the end of the year that the slide was being arrested.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The three-year period for the achievement of performance targets, agreed with the Government in February 1980, ended in the financial year under review. A 5.0 per cent return on average net assets over the period was below the target by 1.0 per cent. We came close to achieving the productivity target but increases in external costs, beyond the BAA's control, severely affected the cost reduction outcome. Negotiations for new targets are now in hand.

Profit transferred to reserves of £21 million was £1.4 million (6.2 per cent) down on the previous year. The drop in current cost operating profit of £8.3 million reflects the landing fee freeze throughout the year although this was minimised by an increase in commercial income of 12.0 per cent. While our trading profit (of £35.0 million) decreased for only the third time in the Authority's 17 year history, capital investment at £98.3 million - equivalent to more than one third of total income - represents an 81 per cent increase on the 1979/80 position. The



Gatwick's new Saxonite is linked to the main terminal building by a Rapid Transit System - the first of its kind in Europe

BAA's profit and investment record remains second to none.

THE AIRPORTS

The Government decision to grant planning permission for the second terminal at Gatwick, together with good progress on the Terminal 4 development at Heathrow, effectively ensures the provision of airport capacity in the South East for the remainder of this decade. The Public Inquiry into the location of additional terminal capacity for the London area in the 1990s is now nearly complete. A decision on this development will be needed in 1984 to ensure that the strong underlying trend of long term growth in air transport demand can be met. The BAA responded to the recommendations of the National Economic Development Office Air Cargo Com-

mittee report - that it should act as the co-ordination body for the development of London as a cargo gateway - by setting up a task force to promote air cargo at its South East airports.

AIRPORT USERS

The development of closer consultation with air transport users of the BAA's airports was consolidated following the amicable settlement of the litigation being pursued by certain airlines at Heathrow. Both sides have now gained a better understanding of each others' position and arrangements as to the future have been made to maintain this through improved consultation.

The work of the Consultative Committees at each of the seven airports plays a vital part in the BAA's contact with those who use our airports, are affected by their operation or who work in them.

CONCLUSION

The slight downturn in the BAA's performance compared with 1981/82 reflects the continued economic recession and the contribution made by the Authority to the air transport industry through the freezing of charges. At the end of the year the first firm signs of growth in traffic were apparent and the Board, management, and staff of the Authority are ready to meet the upturn with improved performance and service to our customers.

	1982/83 £m	1981/82 £m	% Change
Total Income	283.7	277.5	2.2
Total Expenditure	245.1	237.8	3.1
Current Cost			
Operating Profit	30.3	38.6	-21.5
Return on Average Net Assets	3.8%	5.6%	-
Capital Expenditure	98.3	83.1	18.3
Foreign Currency Earnings	77.2	75.1	2.8



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US\$65,000,000 Floating Rate Notes 1980-1990

In accordance with the conditions of the Notes notice is hereby given that for the six-month period 12th July, 1983 to 12 January, 1984 (184 days) the Notes will carry an interest rate of 10 1/2% p.a.

Relevant interest payments will be as follows:

Notes of \$1,000	US\$54.94
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In accordance with the conditions of the Notes, notice is hereby given that for the six-month period June 24th, 1983 to December 28th 1983 (187 days) the Notes will carry an interest rate of 11 1/2% p.a.

Notes of US\$1,000 US\$57.46 per coupon

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HASLEMERE ESTATES

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31st March, 1983

David M. Fickford, FRICS, in his first Statement as Chairman, reports: "I am happy to say that the Company has continued a very encouraging programme of expansion and the developments in hand will put us in a strong position for growth in the future."

Net Rental Revenue up 11.4% to £14.8m.

Pre-tax Profit up 16.6% to £7.1m.

Dividends increased by 14.5%.

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Fisons shares soar 40p

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, July 4. Dealings end, July 15. Contango Day, July 18. Settlement Day, July 25.

Fisons, the pharmaceutical group, was the darling of the stock market yesterday as the shares leapt 40p to 680p...

good growth in profits still to come through. Meanwhile, the group has reduced borrowings from 79 per cent to around 45 per cent...

The Americans were also nibbling at their old favourite ICL up 4p to 524p, after the overnight strength of Wall Street...

Investment Analysts remained bullish with some forecasts pitched as high as £70m for the year against £50m last year.

suffered a setback yesterday as the two latest newcomers made disappointing debuts. Henderson Administration, the investment manager...

BRITISH FUNDS

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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OTHER MARKETS

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

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Euro \$ Deposits

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GOLD

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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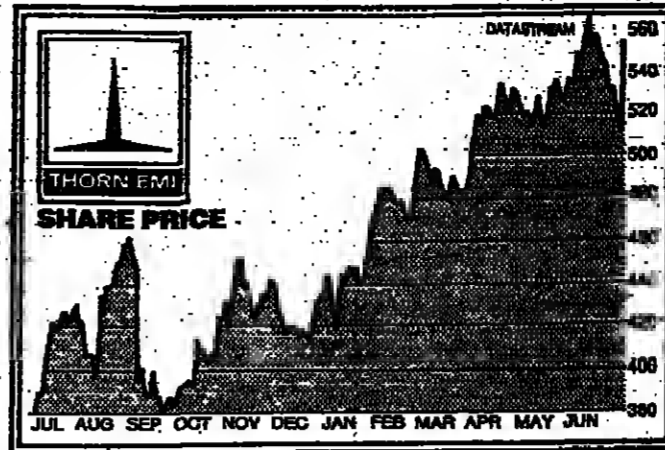


COMMODITIES

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Thorn profits up 16pc on shoppers' spree

Thorn EMI Year to 31.3.83. Pretax profit £122m (£105m). Stated earnings 35.4p (37.9p). Turnover £271.5m (£243.5m). Net final dividend 11.7p, making 15.75p (14.625p). Share price 549p up 37p. Yield 4.09%.

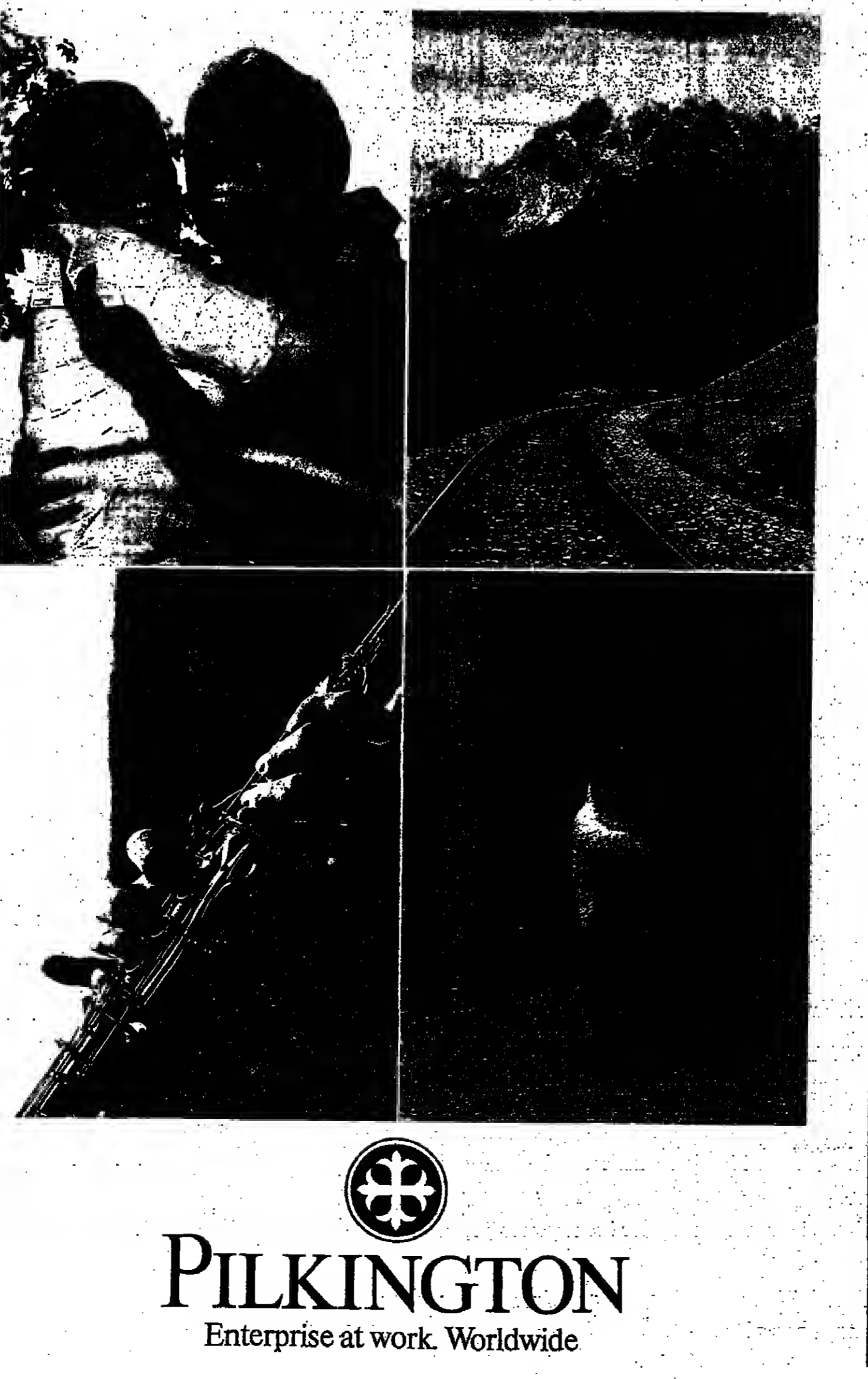


Services, have run into serious trouble, much to the delight of the London stockmarket. In New York yesterday it was clear that Sedgwick was the mystery company in takeover talks with Alexander & Alexander...

conclude a merger/takeover deal there were no fundamental objections to the Sedgwick approach, apart from the matter of price. On Wall Street it was considered that Sedgwick was offering \$32 a share, or \$760m plus for the Alexander & Alexander group...

Pilkington: making slow but encouraging progress

The year has been one of slow but encouraging progress towards a more balanced performance between the Group's United Kingdom and overseas trading operations. The total Group profits before taxation for the year were £49.9 million.



Bond issue One had grown accustomed to the idea that sterling was declining as a reserve currency; but yesterday's £100m Euro Sterling bond issue by the tirelessly inventive World Bank...

Table titled SANDVIK Sandvikens Jernverks Aktiebolag, listing bond details and a large list of numbers.

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Law Report July 15 1983

Talaq in England not recognized

Mr Simon D. Brown for the secretary of state, Mr David Latham for the tribunal, Mr Ghulam...

had to decide whether a talaq pronounced in England was a "proceeding" for the purposes of sections 2 and 3 of the 1971 Act...

of proceedings, which had been begun in England and completed in Pakistan. Section 3 of the 1971 Act referred to the date of the institution of the proceedings in the country in which the divorce was granted...

Accordingly, section 2 and mandamus would issue in the first case to quash the determination of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal and direct it to determine the appeal in accordance with law...

Successful candidates in Trinity Bar examinations

- The Council of Legal Education has announced that the following candidates were successful in the Trinity Bar examinations. The initial after each name indicates the law: L, Lincoln's Inn; I, Inner Temple; M, Middle Temple; G, Gray's Inn.

Court order for copying seized papers

Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs and Excise v A. E. Hamlin & Co (a firm) [Judgment delivered July 11]

MR JUSTICE FALCONER said the defendants, A. E. Hamlin & Co, when acting as solicitors for several City Studies Inc and others, in other proceedings had...

Printer's name on wrong side of election poster

Mr Michael J. Burrell for the appellants, Mr David H. Evans as amicus curiae. MR JUSTICE COMYN said that the posters, which were distributed by the candidates and their election agent, were intended to be displayed in the windows of members of the public...

Section 110 provides: "(1) A person shall not (a) print, or publish, any bill, placard, or poster having reference to an election or any printed document distributed for the purpose of promoting or procuring the election of a candidate, unless the bill, placard, poster or document bears upon its face the name and address of the printer and publisher."

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Authorized Units & Insurance Funds table with columns for Unit Name, Bid, Offer, Yield, and Insurance Fund details.

First Test: the bat is no match for the ball as wickets wilt at the Oval

Bowlers on the boil on a steamy day

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

THE OVAL: New Zealand, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 192 runs behind England.

In an eventful opening day to the first Test match, sponsored by Cornhill, 13 wickets fell for 226 runs. The reason for this was partly the pitch, which was lively, partly the standard of the batting, which was low, and partly the quality, first of Hadlee's bowling and then Willis's. Of England's 209, Randall made a fighting 75 out of 110. The reason for this was partly the pitch, which was lively, partly the standard of the batting, which was low, and partly the quality, first of Hadlee's bowling and then Willis's.

For some time Randall could scarcely lay bat on ball. Coming in when Tavaré was injured, he battled for 20 minutes before lunch. The morning ended with Bracewell being given an over and twice almost bowling Randall. Yet once he had started to play properly, in that distinctive dancing style of his, Randall alone made a show of holding the innings together. Nothing says more for him than that his best innings for England have almost all been played when runs have been needed.

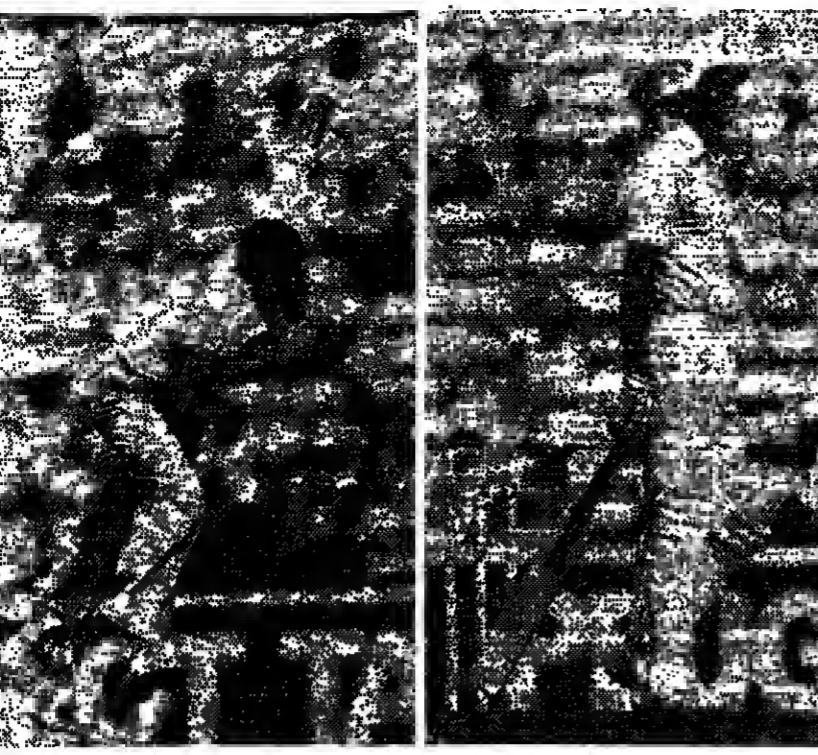
Hadlee, who took six for 53, bowled beautifully. Howarth used him in short spells, sometimes from one end, sometimes the other. He benefited off a shortened run, yet with such rhythm that his pace and lift had the batsmen constantly on the hop. There were times, even in the afternoon, when he had four slips and a gully.

Without him New Zealand would have been in no position to take advantage of the conditions. It must be an indictment of their other faster bowlers that the off-spinner, Bracewell, did better than any of them. The best of them was Cairns, who had Lamb dropped and disguised his changes of pace well.

Tomorrow Foster will be back in Southland, having made the headlines, but yet to win an England cap. Yesterday Marks was preferred to him, an understandable decision, though, as the pitch was to play, not necessarily the right one.

With Foster in his side Willis might have chosen to field; with a second spinner he felt obliged to bat.

After 40 minutes England were 13 for 7. Fowler had been leg-before in the seventh over, playing half back to a good-length ball. Gower, after two appetizing leg-side boundaries, played on to Hadlee, caught



The man who bowled over England. Hadlee overpowers Gower, beheads Marks and has Botham hit dead by his science.

unaware by a ball that lifted at him. Had Lamb, when seven, been caught low down at second slip off Cairns, as he should have been, England would have been 29 for three.

Instead, Tavaré and Lamb had made 49 together for the third wicket when Lamb, after playing three or four fine strokes off the back foot, was bowled by a beauty from Cairns, which pitched on middle stump and straightened.

By lunch (85 for three) Tavaré, after taking half an hour to get off the mark and making 22 in 100 minutes, had been led away, heading Botham was looking as though he would be dismissed. Botham had been hit through the covers for four; but after being in for three quarters of an hour he, too, played on, aiming rather airily at Hadlee. Marks came and went, caught at the

wicket off a fier from Hadlee: 116 for five.

Tavaré, his upper lip stitched, returned and, with Randall, pooped to have relaxed him. Through the leg side he was playing freely when Randall sent him back and Wright, from extra cover, ran him out. Tavaré was probably surprised by Wright's diving stop, one of many by the New Zealanders.

Edmonds was in for 35 minutes before Bracewell, having his first over since the last before lunch, caught and bowled him, hands above his head. The rest - Taylor, Willis and Cowans - stayed with Randall while another 25 runs were added.

New Zealand were batting by 4.45. By 5.0 they were on the ropes, concerned almost as much with protecting themselves as their wickets. Off the third ball of the innings Wright

was brilliantly caught by Gower, driving to his left at third slip. Still with only a no-ball on the board, Jeff Crowe edged Willis to fourth slip.

Half an hour later, the score still only 10. Howarth, having been struck on the shoulder by Willis, was bowled by Cowans, none too near to the line of the ball. After that, until the light went, Edgar and Martin Crowe hung on for dear life. England's total was their lowest against New Zealand at the Oval. New Zealand's lowest is 150 and they will do well to beat it.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Colchester RGS 109, Weymouth MCC 232-8; Colchester RGS 109, Weymouth MCC 232-8; Colchester RGS 109, Weymouth MCC 232-8.

ENGLAND: First Innings

ENGLAND: Second Innings

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

NEW ZEALAND: Second Innings

was eighth out at 192, Taylor and Ferris, all went to forcing strokes

Bladestone, who previously carried his bat against Essex last year, reached his century with a single to mid-wicket against Illingworth in the last over of the innings.

Without Bladestone's unyielding approach the Leicestershire first innings deficit would have been considerably greater. He was tediously slow at times and an occasional offside was the only stroke to linger in the memory.

Bladestone, though, successfully overcame the problem set by a passive pitch, which yielded low bounce. Perhaps Bladestone could be faulted, perhaps, was in not making a greater effort to take charge when Leicestershire were in sight of their second batting point. Cook, who

and we were all making comparisons with oaks of another dismal start by England at the Oval, when he edged ball from Sainsbury to slip, for no obvious reason, just as he was settling down to cheer his century. Then Embury was bowled by Sainsbury, and at lunch, 256 for six. Gloucestershire were doing rather better.

But in the afternoon the Aquinas theory, or anyway the best, prevailed. Gloucestershire bowling and fielding began to falter. Downman and Williams are tough lower-middle-order batsmen, and after a cautious spell, began to enjoy the chase. They put on 101 for the seventh wicket. Middlesex led by eight points to three on the first innings, but carried remorselessly on after reaching their maximum.

GLoucestershire: First Innings

GLoucestershire: Second Innings

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire, with seven second innings wickets in hand, need 131 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Middlesex.

Yesterday the team of St Bonaventura. He was the chap, I think, who maintained that heart and will had more to do with the destiny of man than intellect, contrary to Aquinas. I am afraid it was Aquinas who added to his record yesterday. Gloucestershire tried very hard, but Middlesex had so much more talent that the effort was vain.

At the start Middlesex were 150 for two, only 26 behind on the first innings, and it was another day when the fielding side would have to waver in the sweat of their brows.

Barlow and Gattine were together at 182, Barlow, who had scored 90, was caught at the wicket. Butcher was leg-before at 210.

Gattine was playing beautifully

GLAMORGAN v LANCASHIRE AT SWANSEA

Derbys v Warwick

Kent v Somerset

Notts v Northants

Worcestershire: First Innings

Worcestershire: Second Innings

Leicestershire: First Innings

Leicestershire: Second Innings

Gloucestershire: First Innings

Gloucestershire: Second Innings

Gloucestershire: Third Innings

MOTOR RACING Silverstone lapped at 150mph by Prost. The first officially timed lap of Silverstone at over 150 mph was recorded by Alain Prost yesterday when he took his Renault 5000 round the 2.937 mile circuit in 1min 10.17sec for an average of 150.423 mph, in practice for tomorrow's British Grand Prix, sponsored by Marlboro. It was an almost perfect lap, and Prost said that with a few minor modifications planned for his car overnight, he should be able to improve on his time during the remaining qualifying period this afternoon - "but not by much".

CYCLING Tour unlucky 13th. Yesterday's 13th stage should have been one of the best of the Tour de France, climbing was not as bad as the previous days, and the winding roads of the Auvergne, a 210 kilometre route that included dozens of climbs and descents, of every gradient and length; and a yellow jersey waiting to be plucked from the strapped-up body of Pascal Simon.

Spain rock the boat. Spain's late withdrawal from the qualifying European Cup hockey tournament for juniors in Lisbon has presented the Portuguese organizers with a problem. The European Hockey Federation with problems which could have serious repercussions, a Special Correspondent writes.

IN BRIEF. SWANSEA: Lancashire's 25-year-old wicketkeeper Chris Maynard held six catches, all off the fast bowler Wilkinson, to equal a county record. Gloucestershire took six catches in an innings was the Indian Test player, Engineer, who performed the feat twice in 1971 against Nottinghamshire and Surrey.

FOR THE RECORD. TENNIS: International meeting, J. Steve Scott (USA) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1; J. Taylor (GB) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1; J. Taylor (GB) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

ATHLETICS. COOK: International meeting, J. Steve Scott (USA) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1; J. Taylor (GB) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1; J. Taylor (GB) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

BASEBALL. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 6, Oakland Athletics 2; Detroit Tigers 7, California Angels 1; Seattle Mariners 7, Texas Rangers 3.

CRICKET. WELSH CUP: Seven semi-final Berghel for Glyneddau; seven semi-final Berghel for Glyneddau; seven semi-final Berghel for Glyneddau.

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The Open: Rogers sets scene for runaway start at Royal Birkdale with an albatross

Stadler dazzles with a 64 as Faldo makes superb recovery

By John Hemmsey, Golf Correspondent

The Open Championship got off to a splendid start at Royal Birkdale yesterday, so much so that one wonders where to turn to find the distribution of accolades.

One of the basic philosophies of golf, the exercise of patience. As his score shows, he succeeded brilliantly, playing 16 holes in seven under par while the would-be gravediggers slunk away to dispose of their shovels as furvily as they could.



Tom Watson: brief dismay

Applause all the way for Palmer

By Peter Ryde

The championship took off in top gear and part of the success from Arnold Palmer, suitably flanked by two of the biggest money winners in America this year, Raymond Floyd and Ben Crenshaw.

Watson laughs off rough luck and six

By Lewise Mair

Tom Watson's six at the fifteenth revealed more about the man than any of the other figures in his 67 under par.

place, then manufactured a glorious shot from the long grass with his nine-iron and soon had all the emotions of the par five hole tucked away in a far from disastrous six.

Laudable as these performances were, particularly that of Stadler, they were surpassed by a astonishingly accurate one of Nick Faldo, who, totally against earlier expectations, also lands on 68.

Faldo and Ballesteros got four at the long 13th, Faldo by the regular route of a three-iron to the green, Ballesteros by his

out of the stands and knew something had happened. How it contrasted with the previous long hole, the 542 yards 15th, where he had slashed around in the rough and judged himself lucky to have found the ball at all from his wayward second. He took six there. With a four at the 505

yards 13th from a single putt, he thus averaged a birdie for each of the long holes as every good professional would expect, if hardy by these unorthodox means.

When his first drive finished just in the rough and he hit it 10 yards, it had the same effect that haunted him at our championship as he worked again. But he got to grips with par at last, and with Floyd scoring impeccable pars, things began to look pretty good at the 14th, each having recently scored a birdie.

Before they approached the 14th green a wicket on the tinder track below held the dust churned up by thousands of feet, wise though they would not have been necessary 27 years before when Palmer first trod those fairways and before he had done more than any single man to build up the event's popularity.

At this high point it all began to turn a little sour. Palmer was disturbed at the back of the 14th tee, Crenshaw was plugged under the face of a bunker, Floyd hit a short chip almost as far past, it took a last effort to lose some of his harshness. The greens will again - a long iron at the 17th from a perfect drive.

Card of course

Table with columns: Hole, Yds, Par, Hole, Yds, Par. Rows 1-9.

First round scores at Royal Birkdale

Table with columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like Stadler, Watson, Faldo, Palmer, etc.

Injured Newnes misses out on Candy's big-race hopes

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Henry Candy will have to find a replacement jockey to ride his good July Time Carrier in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot in eight days time.

Adam's Peak, who had finished second in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot, 7th and a decisive conqueror Vaccarone in an even better field. Hoyer is now bound for the Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood.

Sea Pigeon enjoys the old routine

By Michael Seely

Sea Pigeon, the most versatile horse since Brown Jack, is enjoying the heatwave at Graham Lockerie's Malton Stable. However, reports that the dual champion handler is about to be launched on a new career at the age of 13, are premature.

Sea Pigeon was retired on the eve of his attempt to win his third Claretio Handicap in 1982 for his trainer, Peter Easterby. He won 16 flat races and 21 over hurdles, and collected more than £275,000 in prize money for Pat Muldoon.

Thirsk

Draw advantage: High numbers best

Racing schedule table for Thirsk, listing races like Keith Stone Stakes, Harry Blackshaw Handicap, etc.

Racing schedule table for Hamilton Park, listing races like Larkhall Stakes, Wylie Handicap, etc.

Racing schedule table for Salisbury, listing races like Rowley Stakes, Wyllie Handicap, etc.

Racing schedule table for Beverley, listing races like Rowley Stakes, Wylie Handicap, etc.

Yarmouth results

Table of racing results from Yarmouth, including race numbers and winners.

Hawa Bladi is second

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

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Millbow finds the target

By Michael Seely

Millbow, a beaten 5-1 on favourite in his debut at Goodwood last month, reappeared in the High Steward Stakes at Yarmouth yesterday and Stavros Niarchos's 110,000 pounds bid was unimpressedly rebuffed by the field.

Thirsk selections

By Michael Seely

Table of racing selections for Thirsk, listing race numbers and pick horses.

Hamilton Park

Draw advantage: Middle and high numbers best

Racing schedule table for Hamilton Park, listing races like Larkhall Stakes, Wylie Handicap, etc.

Newbury and Newbury selections sections with racing schedules and pick horses.

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ATHLETICS Bennett, Brown have little time

Tonight's Talbot Games at Crystal Palace might be a feast of entertainment for the crowd but it will have all the air of a condemned man's last hearty meal for those British athletes who fail to impress the selectors for next month's World Championships in Helsinki.

Newport plays it harder than even a Vanderbilt knew A real live Prince Charming at the ball in the cottage on the Avenue

Judy Dalton, an Australian tennis player of not so long ago, is affectionately remembered on the international circuit for her infectious friendliness and a voice as gentle as a police siren. When arriving here on one occasion for a tournament at the historic Newport Casino, which pre-dates Wimbledon, and being shown to the bedroom she would share with Francois Durr, of France, in one of this Ocean playground's celebrated mansions Mrs Dalton exclaimed: "Ow, Frankie we'll be able to practice our fore-auds in 'ere". She was at The Breakers, modelled after a sixteenth century Italian palace for Cornelius Vanderbilt.

RUGBY UNION Stubborn pride can carry Lions to long-awaited win

If altitude and a certain stubborn pride count for anything, the British Lions will finish their New Zealand expedition with a victory over the All Blacks in the fourth international at Eden Park tomorrow. This may sound jingoistic considering the All Blacks are already 3-0 up in the series, and have so far produced a sound, steady brand of rugby which the Lions have not been able to match.

Honour satisfied on all sides after South African tour meeting

MCC have escaped from their dilemma. The clouds have lifted from the square at Lord's. After a three-hour meeting at Central Hall, Westminster, a resolution calling on "the members of MCC committee to implement the selection of an MCC touring party to South Africa in 1983-84" was voted by a wide margin.

Clouds lifted from the square at Lord's

The number of top class athletes performing tonight, led by the British contingent of Olympic and European champions, Coe, Connor, Cram and Pavey, will be an ideal forerunner for the Europe Cup final, to be held at Crystal Palace in late August following the world championships.

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Welsh sign boots deal

The Welsh Rugby Union have signed a three-year agreement with Adidas, who were at the centre of the "black money" controversy last season when they disclosed details of such payments to the Inland Revenue. Under the new agreement the WRU will guarantee that every Welsh player will wear Adidas footwear for the next three years.

Party for South Africa

A party of 23 players, including 11 from Britain and Ireland, has been invited to take part in the Western Province centenary celebrations later this month. It is understood that seven New Zealanders and five Frenchmen have also been invited, among them Jean-Pierre Rives and Robert Paparemborde, the men who have captained France most recently.

IN BRIEF

Mr. Duggart referred to Mr. Carlisle as having "concentrated our cricket in a 'tripe-dream' that carried the ball rather than hitting it. It was a 'tripe-dream' that carried the ball rather than hitting it. It was a 'tripe-dream' that carried the ball rather than hitting it."

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Edited by Peter Davalle

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8.25 Thames News Headlines. Followed by: Sesame Street: easy learning, with The Muppets... 10.55 Golf: The Open. The second day of the Open Golf Championship at Royal Birkdale...

BBC 2

6.05 Open University (until 8.10): Maths Methods; differential equations... 10.55 Golf: The Open. The second day of the Open Golf Championship at Royal Birkdale...

CHANNEL 4

5.30 In Search of Paradise. The Mystical Islands. A film about gardens in the Far East... 10.55 Golf: The Open. The second day of the Open Golf Championship at Royal Birkdale...

CHOICE

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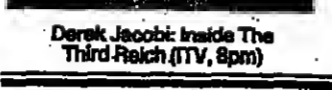
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Radio 1

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